

**TRUMBULL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**APRIL 17, 2008**  
**TASHUA ROOM**

The meeting was called to order by Lars Jorgenson at 8:00. In attendance were Lars, Dale Parsons, Joanne Parsons, Julie Jenkins as well as Dan Schopick, town attorney.

Minute meetings from the last meeting were unanimously accepted.

Dan Schopick gave a quick overview of rules and regulations of legal committees:

- A regular meeting schedule should be set.
- Agendas need to be posted at least 24 hours in advance.
- If it is a regular meeting the agenda can be amended with a 2/3 vote. A special meeting is limited to its agenda.
- The conservation commission needs to vote to take positions on issues, otherwise we cannot present ourselves at meetings as the commission.
- We are separate from the Inland Wetlands Commission, as well as all other commissions, and we should remain as such.
- We have the right to receive all official minutes that will show upcoming walks and meetings.
- There is no problem with our suggesting a list of minimum requirements for all applications put before the Inland Wetlands Commission.
- Emails with opinions about applications should not be sent to all members of the commission because this constitutes a “meeting” and is subject to FOI.
- Using volunteers as “eyes and ears” of our commission, may violate union positions in town, especially if they don’t become enforcers.
- We are allowed to go to meetings, or get together, as long as we don’t discuss commission items. This would be considered an unscheduled meeting.
- A member of the Inland Wetlands Commission cannot be a member of the Conservation Commission as well.

Dan Schopick has been designated as the attorney for our commission. Dan Schopick left at 9:30.

We discussed making a checklist of minimum requirements for any applications submitted to the Inland Wetlands Commission or the Zoning Board. We also discussed changing the timing for applications to allow for more input from our commission or other bodies.

Julie made a motion, seconded by Joanne, to approve the letter about the Marissa’s proposed retail development. It will be presented at the next Inland Wetlands meeting.

Joanne made a motion, seconded by Lars to support our membership in the Southwest Conservation Commission. Vote was unanimous in support of membership.

Dale made a motion, seconded by Joanne, to support the Southwest Conservation Commission letter written about the Hidden Pond development. Vote was unanimous in support.

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Joanne made a motion, seconded by Julie, to support the letter written (April 1, 2008) by Lars which requests a phase one and phase two site assessment on the Hidden Pond development. Vote was unanimous in support.

Next meeting is tentatively for May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie Jenkins